

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. No new matter is added by the amendments herein.

Claims 1, 7-12, 18, 20-22, 28, and 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,115,074 to Ozkan, et al. (“Ozkan”), in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2008/0134243 A1 to Klosterman (“Klosterman”). Claims 2-4, 13-15, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ozkan in view Klosterman, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,675,385 to Wang (“Wang”).

Applicant respectfully traverses all rejections in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

Independent Claim 1

Independent claim 1 as amended recites retrieving a set of tuning parameters including accessing a database using a web site accessible through the Internet, and selecting using a web browser one of at least two identical service identifiers depending on to which network a receiver is currently tuned.

None of Ozkan, Klosterman, or Wang, either alone or in any combination, teach or suggest this newly recited feature.

Ozkan discloses a digital video system for decoding an MPEG compatible datastream containing MPEG compatible program map table information, whereby channel map information is identified and assembled. The channel map information replicates information conveyed in the MPEG compatible program map table information. In Ozkan, program information is retrieved from the datastream using the same transfer medium as for video and audio transfer.

Nor does the Office Action assert these references for such a feature. The Office Action does assert Wang against now canceled claims 2 and 3 regarding the use of the Internet and a web browser. However, the addition of Wang does not teach or suggest accessing the database of tuning parameters using a web site accessible through the Internet. In Wang (see, e.g., Fig. 1), the EPG manager 14 only connects to the EPG database 10 through the secure connection 12. While the EPG manager 14 is connected to the Internet 11, this is only used for “other Web pages in Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) format for inclusion in its group of generated EPG Web pages” (Wang, col. 4, lines 5-8). In other words, Wang fails to teach or suggest

accessing a database of tuning parameters using a web site accessible through the Internet. The secure connection 12 in Wang is specifically a distinct and separate connection from the Internet access connection 13. Hence, Wang actually teaches away from accessing the database of tuning parameters through the Internet. The use of HTML in Wang as a way to represent program guide information does in no way utilize an Internet connection to access the database of tuning parameters.

Moreover, in Wang, all HTML pages are grouped, reformatted, and inserted into an MPEG-2 transport stream (Wang, col. 4, lines 8-23). Thus, two-way communication using a query and response is thus very complicated to achieve using the system of Wang. This is very different solution from the solution encompassed by claim 1. In certain embodiments, the method of claim 1 may provide a convenient and efficient way of accessing tuning parameters. For instance, by using the Internet as a connection between the tuner and the web site to access the database of tuning parameters, a robust solution is provided. No grouping or reformatting of HTML pages is necessarily required; in some embodiments consistent with claim 1 the HTML pages may be sent directly to the tuner. See also claims 4, 15, and 25 of the present application regarding the database being sent to the receiving device in HTML format.

Independent Claims 12, 22, and 32

It is submitted that independent claims 12, 22, and 32 are also allowable over Ozkan for at least similar reasons as discussed above with regard to claim 1.

Dependent Claims

The dependent claims are also allowable by virtue of depending from allowable independent claims, and further in view of the additional features recited therein.

Conclusion

All rejections having been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and solicit prompt notification of the same. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

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